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(54) Multimers of the soluble forms of TNF receptors, their preparation and pharmaceutical compositions containing them.

(57) Multimers of the soluble forms of the tumor necrosis factor receptors (TNF-Rs) are provided. These multimers are produced either by chemical or by recombinant methods. The multimers of the

soluble forms of TNF-Rs are useful for protecting mammals (including humans) from the deleterious effects of TNF.

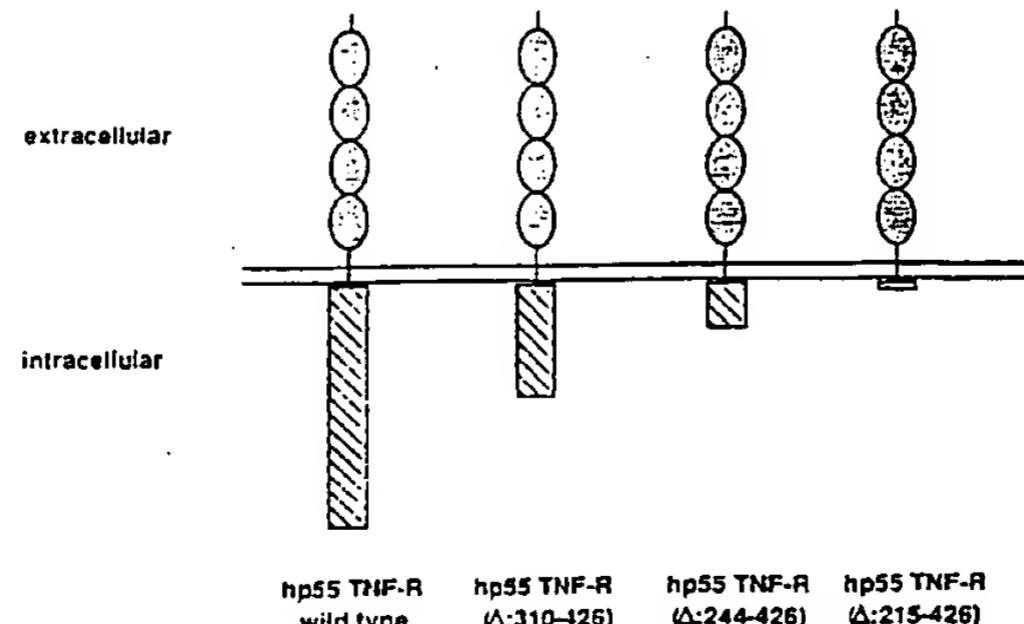


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